

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-76, 78-81 are pending in the application. Note that Claim 77 was cancelled in a previous amendment.

Claims 46-52 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 37-41, 66-76, and 78-81 are rejected.

Claims 1-36 and 53-65 are allowed.

Claims 42-45 are objected to.

II. Claims in Final Form

Claims 42-45 were objected to. Claim 42 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim. There were no intervening claims. Claims 43-45 are dependent on Claim 42.

Claims 37-41, 66-76, and 78-81 were rejected and are herein cancelled.

III. Conclusion

It is submitted in view of these remarks that grounds for objections have been removed by the foregoing amendments and discussion. Allowance for Claims 42-45 of this application is therefore earnestly solicited.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that Claims 1-36, 42-45, and 53-65 stand in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to phone Mr. Theodore Ro, attorney for Applicant, 281-244-7148, if in his opinion such a phone call would serve to expedite the prosecution of subject patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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